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C O N F I D E N T I A L VICTORIA 0526

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, UN, SE
SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTS SECURITY PROTECTION
WHILE IN NEW YORK TO ATTEND 32ND UNGA

REF: VICTORIA 0525

1. AT MEETING SEPTEMBER 6 TO DISCUSS ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE
AT THIS FALL'S UNGA SESSIONS FONMIN SINON, WHO WILL HEAD SEYCHELLES
DELEGATION TO UNGA, EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT HIS PERSONAL SAFETY
WHILE IN NEW YORK, AND ASKED IF SECURITY PROTECTION COULD BE
PROVIDED.

2. I TOLD HIM THAT HEAVY ATTENDANCE AT UNGA BY CHIEFS OF STATE
AND FOREIGN MINISTERS, PARTICULARLY IN PERIOD HE INTENDS TO BE IN
NEW YORK (SEPTEMBER 17-OCTOBER 6) WOULD INEVITABLY PLACE GREAT
STRAIN ON NYPD AND OTHER PROTECTIVE AGENCIES. I SUGGESTED THAT
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE COULD SUPPLEMENT HIS REQUEST FOR
PROTECTION WITH SOME INDICATION AS TO NATURE OF THREAT. SINON
REPLIED THAT HE HAD REPORTS THAT REPRESENTATIVES OR AGENTS OF
DEPOSED MANCHAM GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE PLANNING HOSTILE ACT IN
CONNECTION WITH HIS TRIP. HE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION. BUT
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BELIEVED IT WAS ADVISABLE TO SEEK PROTECTION NOW RATHER THAN
REGRET NOT HAVING DONE SO LATER. I TOLD SINON I WOULD PASS
ALONG HIS REQUEST, BUT DID NOT ENCOURAGE HIM TO BELIEVE
PROTECTION COULD BE PROVIDED.

3. COMENT: EMBASSY IS NOT IN POSITION TO EVALUATE SINON'S
CONCERN. HE WAS, HOWEVER, A MEMBER OF MANCHAM'S COALITION

CABINET AND MAY WELL BE DETESTED AS TRAITOR BY DEPOSED GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS NOW IN EXILE. NONETHELESS, LOGICAL PLACE TO CARRY
OUT HOSTILE ACT AGAINST SINON WOULD APPEAR TO BE LONDON,
WHERE EXILES ARE NOW BASED, NOT NEW YORK. SINON WILL TRAVEL
TO AND FROM NEW YORK VIA LONDON AND WILL OVERNIGHT THERE
SEPTEMBER 16 AND OCTOBER 6 (SEE REFTEL).

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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